

Dear Donna

with regards to: Charter Changes for Burlington, VT.

House bills [H.566](#) (safe storage), [H.567](#) (confiscation of deadly or dangerous weapons from a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe has committed domestic assault), and [H.568](#) (prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served)

I ask that you move these bills out of committee asap. I want to see sensible gun violence legislation passed and put into law in Burlington, Vt asap.

In response to the oppositions' claim that these will be against the "Sportsman's Bill of Rights," please note that they have absolutely no impact on the ability of any Vermonter to engage in hunting.

Allowing chartered municipalities to seek changes to their charters is to address specific concerns. Burlington has great concerns about the health and welfare of its citizens, who overwhelmingly voted for all three charter changes. And this should be passed, as it did in Burlington, by your committee. If you had passed this when we first asked, the young man recently killed by another man from a local bar in Burlington, carrying a gun, would have been prevented.

So I really hope you will see past the opposition, and uphold the charter changes that the citizens of Burlington voted to have put into their charter.

Thank you for your time!

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